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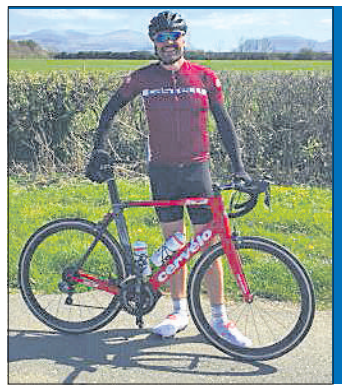

Bobby aims to cycle 230 miles in a day for charity

ALMOST THERE!

Family's final push to fund life-changing op for cerebral palsy sufferer Emma

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE family of a young cerebral palsy sufferer from Ormskirk who launched an appeal to fund a life-changing operation have raised a staggering £17,500 in just six weeks.

Now they are hoping a final push will help them to hit their £21,000 target in time for eight-year-old Emma Burrows to undergo the vital operation in June.

Ormskirk CE Primary School pupil, Emma was diagnosed with the condition - a physical disability that affects movement and posture - the day after her second birthday.

As a result, the youngster, who was also diagnosed with autism two years later, suffers painful, uncontrollable movements in her legs which doctors say will become worse as she grows up.

To date, her parents Rachel and Matthew have managed to raise the £17,500 by setting up a page on online donations site Go Fund Me and holding fundraisers, including raffles and family fun days.

Emma's cerebral palsy affects the nerve impulses in her muscles making her legs tight and stiff and forcing her to walk on tiptoes.

Her hips are starting to turn inwards and although she uses a wheelchair, she strives to get around the house and school without it by holding onto walls or furniture and can walk for very short distances on her own.

However, without intervention, this will deteriorate as she grows older and specialists at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool have recommended she undergoes a selective dorsal rhizotomy on June 23, to cut nerves in her spinal cord to prevent faulty nerve impulses.

This is a private operation not available on the NHS and would be followed by a three-week hospital stay then intense physiotherapy throughout the summer to enable her to return to school in time to start Year 5 with her friends in September.

Emma is hoping to be back in school with her pals in time for the start of term in September

Mum, Rachel, said: "Emma's cerebral palsy mainly affects her legs which become very stiff, like cramp, and makes walking very difficult for her.

"We have been blown away by the generosity shown by our friends, family and even strangers – and if we manage to reach or, amazingly, even go past the target, we will use any extra money to pay for the three rounds of physiotherapy she will need every day for months after the surgery.

"She will need another operation in a year, this time on the NHS, to correct her hips, but after that she will be able to maintain her condition using physiotherapy, which will be amazing and will make her life so much easier.

Challenges

"Emma does not follow the stereotypical behaviours that many people associate with autism. She is highly social and is both expressive and has an excellent sense of humour, although she definitely has her own agenda most of the time.

"She is an unbelievably happy, loving and caring individual, whose personal challenges stretch beyond her mobility issues but this operation will change her life for the better and hopefully independent walking is a real possibility."

The family's next two fundraisers are a live music festival, Jump on The Bandwagon, which will be held from noon to 11pm at the Plough Inn in Spa Lane, Lathom on bank holiday Monday, May 1 and features food and drink plus rides; and a charity dance show from 6.30 to 8.30pm at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk on Sunday, May 28.

Entry is free to the music festival and tickets for the dance show (£5 for adults, £2 for children, under-10s free) can be ordered by email at helpingemmawalk@gmail.com or by calling 07912 222 909. To donate to the appeal, visit gofundme.com and search for Emma Burrows.

Rail passengers braced for more disruption

RAIL travellers in West Lancashire could face disruption again with the RMT union planning industrial action on Northern Rail services on Friday, April 28.

Meanwhile further strikes on Merseyrail services are also expected after talks between the union and management collapsed earlier this week without agreement.

Northern expects to run more than 40 per cent of its normal timetable on Friday, plus more than 300 additional rail replacement buses.

However, all services are expected to be extremely busy, with industrial action taking place on the Friday before the bank holiday weekend and customers are advised to give themselves extra time to travel and consider whether their journeys are necessary.

The 55 routes where Northern will operate train or replacement bus services include the Southport to Wigan Wallgate route and the Preston to Ormskirk service.

Meanwhile the RMT union said their offer to put the contentious issue of train despatch and door operation into a joint safety working-group was rejected out of hand by Merseyrail bosses.

Union general secretary, Mick Cash, said: "We held off from calling further strike action on Merseyrail to give these talks a chance, but our good faith has been thrown straight back in our faces.

"We offered to accept recommendations on despatch and door control from a safety working group that would include the company, the unions, the manufacturers and the safety agencies, if Merseyrail accepted the principle of a second safety-critical crew-member on every train."

However, Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, Merseyrail's managing director, commented: "We at Merseyrail are trying hard to create some middle ground so that the negotiation can move forward. It is clear that the RMT are unwilling to move from their entrenched position.

"We will now prepare for the next strike action in order to provide the best possible service for our customers, but will keep the door open for the RMT to re-join talks with us."

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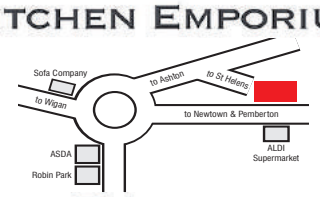

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‘Treat neighbours with respect or you face eviction’

Council issues warning to tenants after 51-year-old man is convicted of racially aggravated behaviour

WEST Lancs Council tenants are being warned they could lose their homes if they behave in a racist or abusive manner towards their neighbours.

The message is being issued after tenant, Keith Edwards, of Alma Court, Up Holland, faced eviction proceedings after being convicted of racially aggravated public order, and resisting a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Mr Edwards, 51, appeared at Wigan Magistrates Court in September 2016 where he was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months, and issued with a restraining order.

He was also ordered to pay £200 court costs, £150 compensation and £115 victim surcharge.

Controls

Following his conviction, eviction proceedings were brought before Wigan County Court on March 30, 2017, and the court granted a suspended possession order against Mr Edwards.

The authority can now exercise tighter controls over his behaviour which means the council can return to court without delay if he is believed to have breached his tenancy agreement or the terms of the suspended order, and ask for the order to be made forthwith.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion

In collaboration with the police and the Restraining Order, this will serve to safeguard the aggrieved as well as other members of the community from such racist and aggressive behaviour.

The council worked closely with the police and witnesses to obtain the information needed to take legal action.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council’s director of housing and inclusion, said: “The case sends out a strong message to tenants that the council will not tolerate racist behaviour or harassment of neighbours from people living in its accommodation.

“Should Mr Edwards fail to adhere to the order, which runs until January 3, 2020, the council will have no hesitation in returning to the court to ask for him to be evicted.

“Other tenants should take heed of this warning and make sure they treat people living on their estate with respect, or they could face serious consequences.”

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Police diver Gareth set to take the plunge by tackling marathon sponsored ride!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Keen cyclist aims to complete 230 miles in a day in aid of children's hospital

A POLICE diver from Ormskirk is swapping his scuba gear for a cycling crash helmet - again! - as he aims to ride more than 230 miles in a day to raise funds for a children's hospital.

PC Gareth Olley works for the North West Police Underwater Search and Marine Unit which is based in Cheshire but is a collaboration between six police forces - Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Cumbria, Lancashire and North Wales - with officers seconded from each.

The 37-year-old, a keen cyclist and member of the Harry Middleton Cycle Club in Ormskirk, is planning to cycle to the headquarters of all six forces on Tuesday, July 25 to raise money for Ronald McDonald House, a charity which provides free accommodation for the families of ill children being treated at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

His ride will start at Penrith in Cumbria, then on to Preston (Lancashire HQ) through Ormskirk to Liverpool and Manchester city centres (Merseyside & Greater Manchester HQs) with a brief stop at Alder Hey before heading down to Winsford (Cheshire HQ) and finishing off at Colwyn Bay in North Wales.

It is the father-of-two's second sponsored marathon cycle for Ronald McDonald House. In 2003, he was part of a team of five officers who rode in relay for their 'Cops Cycle for Kids' End to End challenge from Lands End to John O'Groats in 54 hours and five minutes to raise more than £6,000.

Supported

And although this time he will be doing the ride solo for much of the way, he will be supported by colleagues at each of the headquarters and hopes to be joined at various parts of the route by like-minded biking enthusiasts.

He said: "I decided to have a go at something different incorporating the headquarters of all six North West forces I work with on the regional underwater search unit.

"I'm aiming to complete the 230 miles on my own in a day but it's really going to be a difficult challenge - one that will push even the fittest cyclists to their limits.

"During the ride, I will be supported by friends and colleagues at each of the headquarters and hoping to be joined on parts by other keen cyclists, including other members of my home club.

"Anyone who would like to ride with me for five or 10 miles – or more - is more than welcome.

"I've been doing loads of training for the last month, including at least one 100-mile ride each week, as well as shorter rides.

"I've never done more than 160 miles in a day though so I am feeling nervous. It will be hard to do but fun!"

To keep up-to-date on Gareth's training and the event, follow him on Twitter @CopsCycle4Kids. To donate to the appeal, visit justgiving.com and search for Cops Cycle 4 Kids or text CC4K and the amount.

Right: Gareth takes a break from training.

Below: Gareth (centre) pictured with colleagues during their Cops Cycle for Kids End to End challenge from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Civic recognition for Prince's Trust volunteers

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage, and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, have presented certificates to the latest Ormskirk Prince's Trust team for completing their 12-week course.

The young team members took part inthe scheme to learn new skills and improve their confidence and motivation, involving team-building activities, a week-long residential trip, a community project and two weeks of work experience. They also gained nationally-recognised qualifications.

Jessica Gallagher, assistant team leader for the Southport and Ormskirk Prince's Trust, said: "The team took part on an adventure residential trip at Rock and River in Mawdesley and a community project at Burscough Cricket Club renovating the grounds over an eight-day period.

"The six team members also helped out at The Civic charity tea dance, supporting catering volunteers and delivered fantastic speeches at their final presentation evening - mastering the art of public speaking!"

Councillor Liz Savage and Noel Delaney pictured with some of the Prince's Trust team members at the presentation ceremony at West Lancs Council's offices in Derby Street, Omskirk.

Charity crew get ready to ramble!

THE annual Rainbow House Ramble in aid of the Mawdesley-based children's charity is set to take place this year on Saturday, May 6.

Participants can choose to run or walk a five, 11 or 18-mile route through Croston, Mawdesley and Eccleston to raise funds for Rainbow House which offers education and rehabilitation services to children and young people with neurological conditions.

Starting and finishing at Bishop Rawstorne High School in Croston, hundreds of fundraisers take part each year and it's a great way for runners to have fun, keep fit and raise much-needed funds.

All participants are asked to raise sponsorship and receive a pack including a T-shirt, sponsorship forms and training tips.

Carole Cochrane, chief executive at Rainbow House, said: "The response to the annual Ramble is always fantastic and we are so grateful for the numerous people who provide support. There are too many to name them individually but we thank each and every one who works so hard to make this event possible and supports us with food, drinks, gifts and their time."

The event gets underway at 10am and registration costs £15 for adults and £5 for children under 18. Children in pushchairs go free.

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CCG supports national mental health campaign

Dr Ros Bonsor

Report by **Henry James**

HEALTH chiefs in West Lancashire are encouraging residents in the borough to talk about mental health.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is supporting the national 'Heads Together' campaign. Spearheaded by Prince Harry and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the campaign aims to shatter the stigma of mental health by starting simple conversations.

The royals have enlisted several high-profile celebrities - including rapper, Professor Green, comedienne, Ruby Wax and former England footballer, Rio Ferdinand - to record short films talking openly about their own personal experiences of mental health problems. These are available to view by searching for 'Heads Together' on YouTube.

One in four people will suffer from a mental health condition at any one time in their life, but only a quarter of those will ever seek support. In addition, mental health is the leading cause of sickness in the UK with approximately 70 million working days lost as a result each year.

In West Lancashire the Mindsmatter service provides dedicated teams of psychological wellbeing practitioners (PWPs), cognitive behavioural therapists (CBT) and councillors who offer a range of support to help people aged 16 years and older make positive changes to reduce stress and anxiety and improve mental wellbeing.

These include stress control classes, one-to-one support and telephone support. Access is easy and self-referrals can be made, simply by calling 01695 684 177 or completing an online referral form.

For residents experiencing more severe mental health issues, speaking to your GP is recommended. The GP may then refer appropriate patients to the Access and Treatment Team (ATT) who will offer same-day assessment if required and offer a 24-hour response service.

Issues

Dr Ros Bonsor, a GP in Skelmersdale and clinical lead for mental health for NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "Mental health issues can affect anyone, from any walk of life, at any age. In West Lancashire, the most common mental health issues facing our population are depression and anxiety.

"It is wonderful that such high-profile figures as the royals are helping to break down the stigma of mental health by encouraging people to talk about it.

"Simply being able to talk about how we feel can go some way to helping us manage our mental health conditions. However, there is support out there in West Lancashire for anyone who needs it.

"My message is simple, if you are not comfortable talking to friends and family, or if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health, then you can ring your GP practice, who are also there to help."

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Minibus appeal to get Joe (and care home pals) out and about!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FAMILY and friends of an Ormskirk man who has Down's Syndrome and dementia are hoping to raise £15,000 to fund a new minibus for staff at his care home to take residents on more days out.

Joe Miller moved to St Joseph's Home in Blundell Avenue, Freshfield last year after he was diagnosed with dementia and epilepsy and started having seizures.

The 48-year-old, who also has reduced mobility, is much loved by his four sisters, two brothers and many nieces and nephews who go to great lengths to ensure he leads as fulfilling a life as possible. Now their efforts have prompted Liam Bromfield, a friend of Joe's niece Florence Knight, to launch a fundraising campaign on online site Just Giving.

Twenty-year-old Liam was inspired after meeting Joe and aims to cover the cost of supplying the home with a reliable minibus so residents can continue to enjoy day trips out all over the North West. The home currently has two buses but both are ageing and have started to break down, making longer trips impossible.

Joe's sisters, Eileen Knight and Liz Mosses from Ormskirk are also members of the Friends of St Joseph's and are planning a number of fundraisers.

Joe Miller with some of his many nephews and nieces

Liam Bromfield said: "I want to help people who have Down's Syndrome and other learning disabilities, who live at St Joseph's Home. I have witnessed first-hand how much love, effort and patience 'Uncle' Joe's family and carers have put into making sure he leads a wonderful, fulfilling life.

'Important'

"The minibuses at St Joseph's are in urgent need of replacing so we are now looking to raise money to help towards buying a new minibus so that Joe and the other residents can go for fun days out in comfort and safety.

"These days out are an important part of making their lives happy and memorable, instead of spending all their time in the home.

"We are hoping to raise at least £15,000 which is a lot to ask, but please give whatever you can afford to give, even if that is just £1. Every pound donated will make a big difference to their lives."

Joe's nephew Dominic Mosses, 29, added: "It's really incredible that Liam has set up this appeal. If anyone has any change to spare and wants to do something amazing, the care home desperately need a new minibus for the residents and this would be a wonderful cause to support."

Yvette Cooney, service manager at St Joseph's Home, said: "It's absolutely fantastic that Joe's family are helping us by launching an appeal for a new minibus.

"It will be wonderful to have the new minibus to allow our residents full access to the community."

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Rachel's on course for her Caribbean community project

by Danielle Thompson

GUIDE leader Rachel Melling is on course to reach her target to fund a trip of a lifetime to the Caribbean this August.

But the 26-year-old from Ormskirk won't be spending her time lazing around on a beach.

Instead she will be leading a team of five other young women from across the UK on a community project on Aruba, a tiny island off the coast of Venezuela.

The trip is part of the Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD) scheme, which encourages Girlguiding members to work with young women around the world to make a positive difference.

Rachel has to raise £2,450 to cover the costs of the project, including travel, insurance and living costs. To date she has raised £1,850 leaving her with another £600 to find.

Forthcoming fundraising events include a bingo night organised in conjnction with Aughton and Maghull Lions on Friday, May 12, and a quiz night with her local Guiding district in June.

During her trip Rachel, who is an assistant leader with the 5th Aughton St Michael's Guides and 1st Ormskirk Senior Section, will get to join the Aruban guides on a camp and deliver training sessions on leadership skills and recruitment and retention.

Rachel Melling

Skills

The joint project aims to grow guiding in Aruba and enable all girls on the island to join in the fun.

On her return, she will be helping to promote Girlguiding's international opportunities to girls and young women in and around Ormskirk. She has been fundraising for this by running events for younger members by holding cake sales and a bric-a-brac stall.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to this trip, and making a real difference to the local women and children in Aruba. I'm looking forward to experiencing a part of the world that I've never visited before, as well as inspiring the next generation of girls and volunteers to take on these opportunities and make a difference across the globe.

"Volunteering for Girlguiding has provided me with so many skills through all of the different opportunities I've been afforded. I've been overwhelmed by the amount of support from Girlguiding locally, Aughton and Maghull Rotary Club, Ormskirk and Maghull Lions and my family and friends."

GOLD offers young women aged 18 to 30 the chance to develop their potential, improve their skills and to work with communities to make a long-lasting positive difference.

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Council takes tough stance on fly-tipping

Warning to residents as Up Holland man is hit with £1,300 bill in fines and costs

FLY-tipping is a criminal offence - no matter the circumstances!

That's the tough message being issued to residents in the borough by West Lancs Council.

It follows the latest case in which the authority prosecuted a man for the offence.

Peter Hornby was fined £500 and ordered to pay £766 costs and a £50 victim surcharge at Wigan Magistrates Court for dumping waste on Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.

The court heard Mr Hornby, of Tower Hill Road, Up Holland, tried to take the contents of a relative's property to a Lancashire County Council household waste and recycling centre but was turned away as he was in a commercial vehicle.

He then dumped the unwanted items - including carpets, cushions, an armchair and a table - in a lay-by on Cobbs Brow Lane.

The waste was traced by the council to Mr Hornby through correspondence addressed to his relative that was found in the items left on the road. When interviewed by council officers he admitted what he had done.

Passing sentence the magistrates' chairman told Mr Hornby his behaviour was 'unacceptable' and that it was a good job everyone didn't do it as the world would be in a poor state.

The rubbish left at Cobbs Brow Lane

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing and head of the environmental enforcement team, said: "There may be sad circumstances around this case but fly-tipping is still illegal and creates an eyesore on our local environment. The council taxpayer has to foot the bill for clearing it up.

"The council must enforce the law to protect the environment for all local residents.

"I would remind all householders – and businesses – that they should dispose of their waste correctly. If they do not they could face legal action."

Problems with fly-tipping can be reported 24 hours a day on the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping. You can also report problems with litter or fly-tipping by calling 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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Helen brings First World War heroes back into focus

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN academic from Ormskirk has created an art installation which pays tribute to soldiers from the First World War.

Helen Newall, a professor at Edge Hill University, has created Remember Me, which provides a visual and sensory experience to bring the soldiers depicted in salvaged original photographs back to visitors' focus in the present.

This can be viewed at the university's annual Festival of Ideas in June and at Cheshire Military Museum in Chester in July.

After initially collecting original photographs of soldiers to use in projections as part of her acclaimed First World War play, *Silent Night*, Helen then embarked on what began as a personal project to create the installation. It was recently shown at Narberth Museum in Pembrokeshire.

Helen said: "I have been collecting original photographs of Great War soldiers from antique shops and auctions for a while.

"As some commentators on First World War photography have noted, these men often had photographs taken for the first time because they thought it might be the last time they would get the chance.

"It really bothered me that I didn't know who the people in these photos were and I sought to change the people in the pictures from valuable collectible 'objects' back into subjects again.

"The work is a tension between the old technology of glass plate cameras; the chemical processes used to create cardboard photographic objects, and the new digital processes that make virtual images that often exist only in computer pixels and clouds and streams."

Part of the Remember Me exhibition

And the work has a personal significance to Professor Newall.

She said: "At the time I was making this work in 2014, my father was dying of Alzheimer's disease, and it occurred to me that his gradual separation from his identity paralleled the way in which the subjects of these photographs were being separated from theirs.

"This work is thus dedicated to my father and to his uncle, James Caldwell, after whom he was named, and who was killed at the front in 1916. His body was never found and his name appears on the Thiepval Memorial which lists more than 72,000 names of those missing on the Somme."

As well as visual projections and soundscapes, the installation, described by Professor Newall as a 'miniature museum,' also features physical photographs and relics from the trenches, including a German bullet and a Vest Pocket Kodak camera used by a soldier.

She added: "The installation is still evolving, as I'm still discovering pictures and relics. Just recently I found a cap badge which matches one a soldier is wearing in one of the photographs, so that is the latest addition."

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All April, children have been coming in their droves to paint a plastic duck to enter into the popular duck race over the bank holiday. But don't worry if you didn't paint a duck over the Easter holidays, you can buy one on the day for £2, quickly decorate it before 2.30pm to enter the race. The winning ducks will receive vouchers to spend in the Martin Mere retail shop.

Nick Brooks, Centre Manager at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre said: "We are delighted that the duck race is taking place at Martin Mere once again this year, last year was an incredible event for the centre and we hope that this year will be even better."

He added: "Last year there was nearly 200 ducks taking part in the race with a great variety of colours and designs on show. There was much drama in last year's event with one duck streaming into the lead, only to drift into a ditch and trapping five others to allow a duck sail from behind into an uncatchable lead."

Additional bank holiday activities includes morning and afternoon sessions of pond dipping to see which creatures are lurking in the ponds, grab your paddle and take to the water on our canoe safari and boat tours, build a den out of conifer, watch our family of otters feed, splash and dash in our adventure play area that features water play and hand feed birds from all over the world. A great wetland day out for the whole family.

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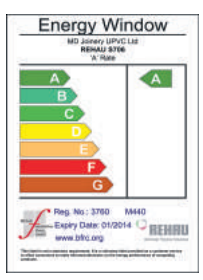

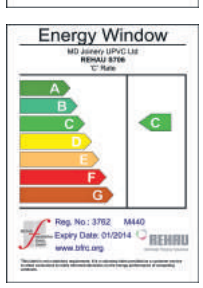

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Commendation for hero PC who tackled knifeman

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A LANCASHIRE policeman who tackled an aggressive knifeman has been publicly commended by a High Sheriff.

James Davies, OBE, the High Sheriff of Merseyside described PC Ben Barnes as "a hero, the best of the best."

And he said: "Your actions remind us of the bravery and risks police officers take day in, day out."

Liverpool Crown Court heard that PC Barnes was called to a domestic incident at a house in Skelmersdale on June 27 last year.

On arrival he was approached by Nikita Dale who was upset and said Paul McCarthy had threatened to kill her friend, Katie Walsh.

PC Barnes tried to call for assistance but his radio was dead. Nevertheless, he went inside the house and a hysterical Ms Walsh, who had a wound to her face and had been stabbed in the calf, pointed upstairs.

"It must have been apparent that the woman's assailant had used a knife upon her," said Judge Robert Warnock, who sentenced McCarthy to seven-and-a-half years behind bars last October.

However the officer went upstairs and was confronted by McCarthy who was in a highly agitated state. He refused to be handcuffed and told PC Barnes not to touch him.

The officer was forced to use his CS spray on him but to no effect and McCarthy was violently swinging his arms around. The officer grappled him away from the top of the stairs and they ended up in a bedroom still grappling where they fell onto the bed.

PC Ben Barnes receives his commendation from High Sheriff Jim Davies. Photo by Ray Farley

McCarthy was swinging his elbows and struck the officer in the face but PC Barnes managed to handcuff him.

Judge Warnock said that in dealing with McCarthy, who had used a knife with a 10-inch blade to injure Ms Walsh, he had "demonstrated considerable personal courage in a highly dangerous situation."

PC Barnes' proud wife was present in the public gallery for the ceremony.

McCarthy, 49, of no fixed address, had admitted assault with intent, making threats to kill and assaulting PC Barnes.

Ms Dale also received a commendation from the High Sheriff for her actions in trying to help her friend escape and calling the police. She was unable to attend the ceremony but will be sent the certificate of commendation.

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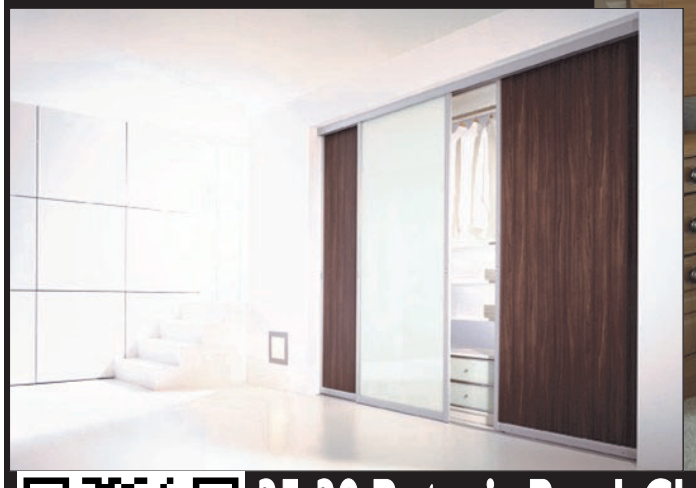

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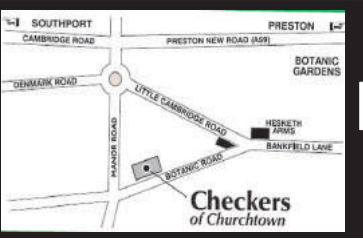

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Hospice bid to mark milestone with bumper fundraiser

OFFICIALS of a hospice which provides care and support to more than 200 people with life-limiting conditions from within the West Lancashire, Sefton, Liverpool and Knowsley areas, are asking members of the public to sign up to a special fundraising endurance challenge.

Management at St Joseph's Hospice in Thornton are hoping to raise £55,000 to mark its 55th or emerald anniversary. They are inviting locals to take part in a 'Challenge 55 Triathlon' or alternatively stage their own individual run, cycle, or swim event.

The triathlon will feature a 5.5 mile run, a 55-mile bike ride and a 55-length swim. Running and cycling routes will start and finish at the hospice in Ince Road and will take in some of the surrounding woodlands and scenery, whle the swimming event will be held at a local pool.

Events will be staged on both Sunday, August 27 and Sunday, October 1.

The swimming event will start at 8am, followed by the run at 11am and the cycling at 1pm.

Penny Hamer, director of income generation at St Joseph's Hospice, said: "As a local charity which provides end of life nursing care for more than 200 people every year we need to raise £6,500 every single day.

"During our special 55th emerald anniversary year we are appealing to our local community and local businesses to support us so we can continue providing this specialist care for the next 55 years.

"As a keen runner, I'm setting myself the challenge to run 55k this year and have registered for six different races across the North West, including our very own Challenge 55."

Registration for each event is £10 per person or £25 for the Challenge 55 Triathlon and entrants must secure minimum sponsorship of £50.

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Campaign group reveals county council paid out six-figure sums to 32 employees in 2015/16

Report by **Henry James**

A TOTAL of 32 employees at Lancashire County Council were paid more than £100,000 in the financial year 2015/16, according to a report issued by the TaxPayers' Alliance.

Statistics released by the campaign group also show that in the same financial year - the most recent full year for which data is available - West Lancs Council had two employees earning more than £100,000.

The figures for Lancashire County Council were the highest in the North West but a spokesman for the authority said that they included redundancy payments made due to "significant transformation."

A spokesman for the TaxPayers' Alliance said: "Council tax bills have just been issued for this financial year and many taxpayers will see significant increases. At least a third of Britain's biggest councils have already announced council tax increases by 4.99 per cent, the maximum increase that does not require a referendum.

"Councils have justified this, in part, by saying that they have made all the savings they can. However, our Town Hall Rich List shows that many local authorities increased the amount they spent on senior management in 2015-16.

"The Town Hall Rich List is the only way to compare different authorities, and the significance of the research has been recognised in Parliament, where it has been referenced by MPs on both sides of the House."

Deborah Barrow, head of human resources for Lancashire County Council, commented: "The council has been undergoing significant transformation due to reduced budgets and increased demand for services. As part of this process, some staff have left the council and therefore some of these figures include their redundancy payments."

And a spokesman for West Lancs Council stated: "In 2015/16 the council agreed the voluntary redundancy of the council's managing director (people and places), saving the council £103,507 per annum.

"The post carried a salary package of £86,596 in 2015/2016. The figure quoted by the TaxPayers' Alliance includes pension contributions and the redundancy payment and additional costs to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) incurred as a result of the voluntary redundancy which took place from January 31, 2016.

"Kim Webber, the council's former managing director (transformation), became the council's chief executive from March 1 2016.

"In 2015/16 Ms Webber was paid a salary package of £96,593. Employer contributions made to the Local Government Pension Scheme bring the figure to more than £100,000, but these are not part of her salary."

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Trust responds to criticism of hospital chief's appointment

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

BOSSES at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have defended the appointment of a new temporary chief executive, despite controversy over her previous role.

Karen Jackson was appointed the new interim chief executive of the trust last week with hospital chiefs warmly welcoming the move - despite Ms Jackson previously leading another hospital in Scunthorpe into an 'inadequate' rating by the health watchdog.

Ms Jackson has most recently been working with NHS Improvement to lead work on improving urgent care service delivery across England.

Before this she was chief executive at North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust at Scunthorpe Hospital which was handed the damning review by the CQC in 2016.

Residents have contacted the Champion and taken to social media questioning her appointment.

One 'concerned resident', who did not want to be named, wrote in a letter to the Champion: "The biggest concern at the moment for Southport Hospital is the appointment of Karen Jackson who led North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust to become inadequate."

The reader claimed: "She (Jackson) also had adverse press for her 20% pay rise in 2013.

"The last thing we need is for Karen Jackson to lead our trust in the same failing manner that she has done before.

"The trust now has a terrible reputation amongst its workforce. Many good staff have left or are considering leaving which could create more staff shortages which in the long term could result in more services being lost.

"The trust seem to have an endless pit of money paying interns to run our trust into the ground."

Commenting on the appointment of Karen Jackson as interim chief executive, trust chair, Richard Fraser, said: "I am delighted to welcome Karen to Southport and Ormskirk.

"She is a pragmatic and forward-thinking leader who brings a wealth of experience from her six years as a chief executive in Lincolnshire, as well as valuable insight from her work at NHS Improvement.

"The trust has had a number of challenges over the past couple of years and still has a number to face. However, I know that Karen, working closely with our staff and stakeholders, will help craft a vision for our hospitals which puts the care, needs and welfare of our community at its heart."

Karen Jackson

Chance to 'Chime' in with music group

MEMBERS of a West Lancs-based musical group are seeking new recruits to join their ranks.

The Parbold Chimes meet at the Parbold Women's Institute Hall on The Common on Monday mornings.

New members of all ages and abilities are welcome to go along and join, although the ability to read music would be an advantage.

Pat Mortimer, a member of the group, said: "We'd love to offer this unusual opportunity to all potential members to come and join us. You don't need to have any previous experience, you can come and learn with us.

"We cover music of all types, from the more traditional to pop, including The Beatles! Our last concert went really well, we had such a great time and the audience were wonderful."

For more details call musical director, Patricia Lewis on 01744 731631.

Volunteers wanted to aid charity's animal survey

OFFICIALS of a charity which aims to protect endangered animals and plants is appealing for eagle-eyed West Lancs residents to help their cause by recording any mammals that they see in their gardens or local green spaces.

David Wembridge, officer for the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling for volunteers to help with the charity's annual Living with Mammals survey.

Now in its 15th year, the survey relies on members of the public volunteering their time for a few weeks between now and the end of June.

Volunteers are required to choose a site close to their home or place of work and to spend a short time each week looking out for wild mammals or the signs they leave behind. Any sightings can then be recorded online or via paper forms.

Last year grey squirrels were recorded at seven out of every 10 sites, making them the most commonly reported wild mammal in the survey.

Over the survey's 15-year history, sightings have included a range of animals, from bats, wood mice, water voles and hedgehogs, to much larger species including deer, badgers, foxes and otters.

David said: "Living with Mammals provides a nationwide picture of how wildlife is faring in our towns and cities. Recording wildlife and tracking how numbers are changing is key to ongoing efforts to conserve it."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Union's argument about rail safety is still very much on track

WITH regards to the letter from a 'Juan Angreman' (Champion, April 12) headed 'RMT Safety argument doesn't hold water.'

In it the mystery correspondent makes the comparison between Merseyrail and the London tube.

The London tube is classified as a Light Rail system, and is operationally very different from the Merseyrail Heavy Rail system. It runs at lower speeds and is able to 'leap-frog' trains by coupling up numerous trains together in an emergency.

However, the tube does have more than a thousand safety incidents involving its doors and the platform train interface per year.

Just one obvious difference, as an example, is that the tube doesn't have level crossings, unlike Merseyrail which has many, including the one at Crescent Road near Southport where recently a Merseyrail train collided with a car.

The guard in that instance, placed isolation equipment on the track to isolate the electric traction current and then safely evacuated the passengers from the train.

This is just one type of incident that guards are trained to deal with within their 35 licensed safety protocols. Dealing with fires, medical emergencies, land slips, and suicides, are all part of the job.

My members on Merseyrail and Arriva Northern Rail deal with safety incidents day in and day out, as well as carrying out their customer service role on board the train. It is the reason why 78% of travellers taking part in an independent survey, strongly opposed the removal of guards from trains.

Mr Angreman is obviously not very well informed about the rail industry, given his other stated comparison of a train with a Manchester street tram.

As someone with 38 years railway experience I can assure him and your readers, that the argument to keep the guards on the train is still on track.

John Tilley
Regional Organiser
RMT

Guards must remain on Merseyrail trains

IN response to the letter by 'Juan Angreman' *(Champion, April 12)* having worked and lived in Manchester and experienced travelling on its Metrolink I would like to offer an alternative view of driver-only transport.

I have seen mothers and children being separated i.e. mothers left on the platform as the doors closed after children had boarded; and anti social behaviour where passengers have been abused by drunken louts.

My wife and I never travelled on the Metrolink in the evening as we did not feel safe.

In future, if the driver on Merseyrail is incapacitated who will raise the alarm and escort the passengers off the train avoiding the electrical rail?

It is a matter of safety that guards remain on Merseyrail trains.

They have our full support.

Manc Expats,
by email

PICTURE of the week

A trio of Retrievers patiently wait in the hope of a few crumbs coming their way when the cake celebrating Formby National Trust's 50th birthday is cut.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ **PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.**

Vets' care for my cat was just purr-fect!

I WOULD like to thank all the staff at Just Cats in Southport for their excellent care and devotion.

I have a cat who is nearly 18 years old, I got her as a rescue kitten at six months old.

I have attended a number of different veterinary practices in the past with my cats. I was not happy with a number of them so searched on the Internet for a veterinary practice that deals only with cats. Sitting in waiting rooms with dogs and other animals does not help cats and, in fact, stresses them out.

However, this practice is second to none. The care and dedication of all the staff is exemplary and, believe me, I know after visiting other veterinary practices which deal with numerous animals.

They are geared up to deal with cats and I am so impressed and would like to publicly thank them for their care with my cat, Pippy. Thank-you so much, Just Cats.

Jane Thompson, Station Road, Ormskirk

Do we really need another store and even more traffic?

RE: 'Co-op to open new convenience store on site of former pub' (Champion, April 12), whilst I have nothing against the Co-op itself, it seems to me sad that it should be allowed to take over the Cockbeck in Town Green village.

We already have Sidney Huyton and Sons' excellent butcher's shop selling local meat, fish and vegetables etc. and a small Spa adequate for a village our size.

We also have more than our fair share of heavy and constant traffic in our village which goes over our small railway bridge.

Goodness knows what it will be like if the Co-op open a store opposite our two local shops.

It's bad enough now for older people and children crossing this road which should be treated more like the village road it was meant to be.

Judy Ingman, by email, address supplied

Community spirit is thriving in our village

COMMUNITY spirit is alive and well in Westhead!

It is nine months since residents in Westhead took over the management of the village hall. In that time a new board of trustees has been appointed, along with a management committee, and the hall has been granted charity status.

Use of the hall by local groups, classes and private functions is buoyant.

Some cosmetic improvements have been undertaken, especially the interior painting by local decorator Matty Valentine who gave his time and materials totally free of charge!

Long-term plans are under discussion so the future looks bright.

I would like to thank everyone who has voluntarily supported the venture in any way. It's so important for our children and young people to see a small community like ours thrive.

Maria O'Neill, by email

Student's calm approach helped to avert injury

I WAS in a charity shop in Ormskirk recently and a man had a fit while I was in there.

An Edge Hill University student was also shopping in there at the time and there were two older ladies present who were working as volunteers behind the counter.

The young student was brilliant. He stopped the man from falling and helped him to sit down on the floor.

The man who had the fit explained to the young man that he was epileptic but he had forgotten to take his medication that day.

The student was so good, so calm and stayed with the older man and the ladies until an ambulance took the older man away for treatment.

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Keith, Ormskirk (details supplied)

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● RIGHT: Village gets ready to blossom... West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper pictured with parish councillors, judges and organisers at the launch of the Bloomin' Burscough competition.

Green-fingered gang urged to put the bloom in Burscough

BURSCOUGH Parish Council launched its annual gardening competition at a special opening event at the Wharf.

Bloomin' Burscough encourages all residents and business owners to help brighten up the village, as well as offering them the chance to win £100 in the fun competition.

Categories include best single or group of hanging baskets/planters and best front garden, plus two new categories - best business planting of a landscaped area or floral display and a sunflower competition for children.

Winners in each category receive £100, plus an engraved shield, while runners-up are awarded £50.

Judges are local people nominated for their love and knowledge of plants. They will score each entry against a set of criteria including colour, interest and quality of planting.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, who declared the competition open, said: "We all enjoy a beautifully colourful garden with an array of different plants and features. Bloomin' Burscough is the perfect reason for avid gardeners to show off their skills or perhaps for others the motivation to get stuck in to sprucing up their garden.

"I'd encourage all Burscough residents with even the slightest green fingers to have a go. The sunflower competition is a fantastic way to get children discovering the enjoyment of nurturing their own plants and watching them grow.

"It's also a bit of fun for the whole community and a real opportunity to show off the best the village's gardeners have to offer."

Applications for the competition can be found at online burscoughpc.co.uk or collected from Burscough Parish Council office at Martland Mill, Burscough, from 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday.

Completed entry forms can be returned to Burscough Parish Council, Martland Mill, Mart Lane, Burscough, L40 0SD or by email to admin@burscoughpc.org.uk.

Parkinson's group welcomes new members

A GROUP set up to provide support for people suffering from Parkinson's Disease and their families is appealing for new members.

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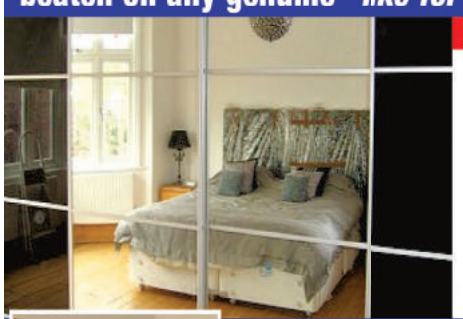

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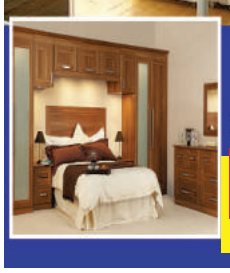

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The application states: 'Network Rail's intention is to undertake works to reconstruct the bridge carrying the railway between Burscough Bridge and Hoscar stations. The work is required as a consequence of the life-expired condition of the existing bridge structure.

'The existing bridge deck and parapets will be removed, with a new bridge consisting of a weathering steel deck and parapets formed of railings painted a holly green colour.'

The rail bridge over the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in Burscough

Ward councillors have until Friday, April 28 to share their views on the prior notification approval.

Businesses invited to free seminar on waste disposal

BUSINESSES in Lancashire are invited to attend a free seminar to help them understand how they should dispose of waste.

The event, from 9.30am to 2pm at County Hall, Preston on Friday (April 28), will be a chance for small and medium-sized businesses in the construction and agriculture sectors to find out more about regulations for handling business waste.

Representatives from a number of organisations will explain waste disposal responsibilities from the waste regulator, the waste producer and the waste management sector points of view.

Speakers from organisations including the Environment Agency, Tradeskips, Atkins Global and the 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign will be in attendance.

The event is being hosted by the Lancashire Waste Partnership - made up of Lancashire County Council, 12 district councils and the neighbouring unitary authorities of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

Sam Corp, head of regulation at the Environmental Services Association, which runs the 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign, said: "Events we have held across the country have been a huge success and facilitated some great discussion among attendees from the construction sector.

"We look forward to bringing this latest seminar to Lancashire and sharing knowledge with construction and agriculture businesses across the county.

"The 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign is here to help businesses to do the right thing with their waste and comply with their legal obligations.

"Small business owners are often stretched, multi-tasking and under pressure. Our campaign provides valuable and easy-to-understand materials that will help them put good practices in place that protect them from breaking the law."

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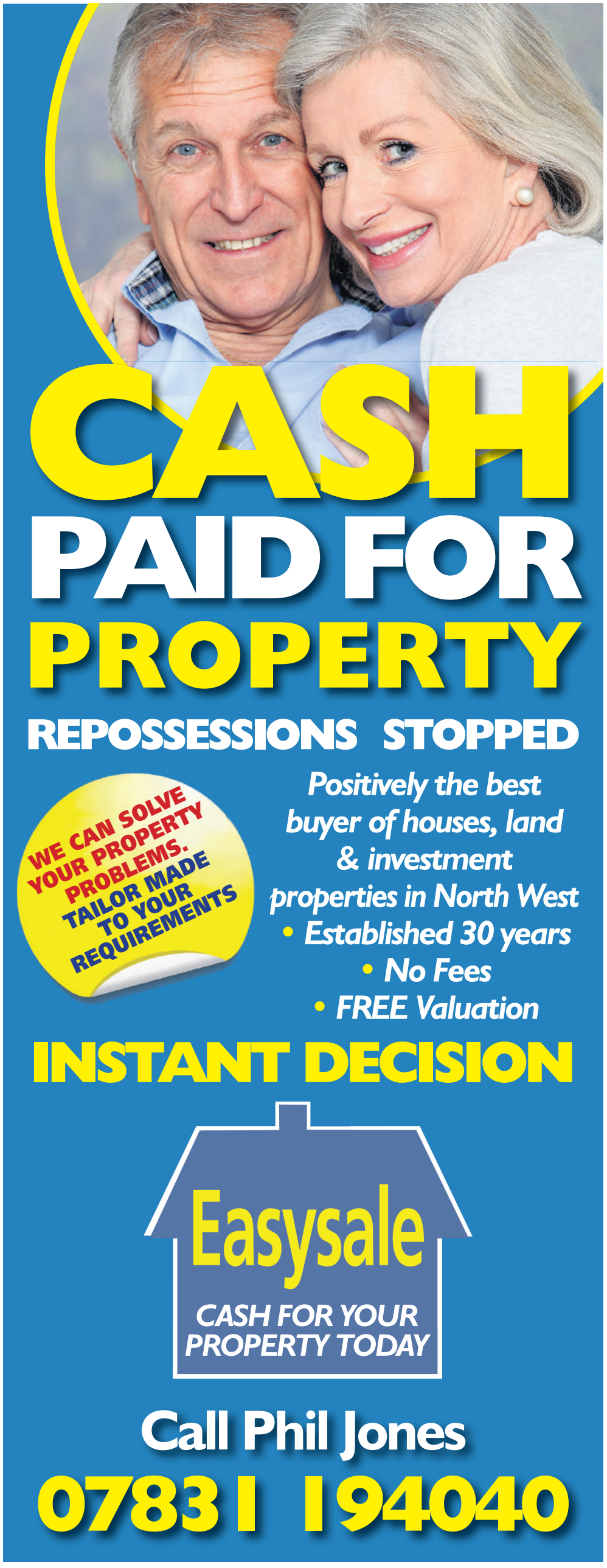

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THE Environment Agency is searching for five new members to join the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) covering major river catchments in the region, as well as the coast.

Officials believe people with expertise in agriculture and land management, conservation and natural food management, communities, business and private sector, and planning and development/regeneration would be particularly well suited to roles on the committee.

RFCCs are committees set up by the government to decide on local priorities, raise local levies and approve programmes of work. They also support the Environment Agency and local authorities in working with communities and others to identify and raise funding.

Councillor Derek Antrobus, chairman of the North West RFCC, said: "We all know how seriously floods can affect individuals and communities.

"We have to be the best we can be at managing risks. Membership of the RFCC is one way citizens in the region can help us - through their expertise or ability to speak for communities at risk."

The government appoints the committee's chair and local authorities appoint 10 members who offer local democratic input. Meanwhile the Environment Agency recruits eight members for their specialist skills and five of these posts are currently vacant in the North West.

Committee members don't receive a salary but expenses are paid. RFCCs meet four times a year with occasional subgroup work between official meetings.

The deadline for applications is Friday, May 5 and selection/assessment events will take place during late May. Application packs are available from Rachel Harmer on 020302 50946.

Councillor Derek Antrobus

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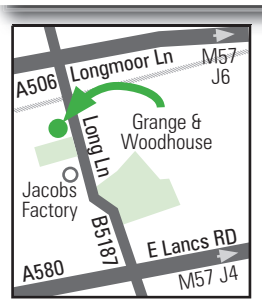

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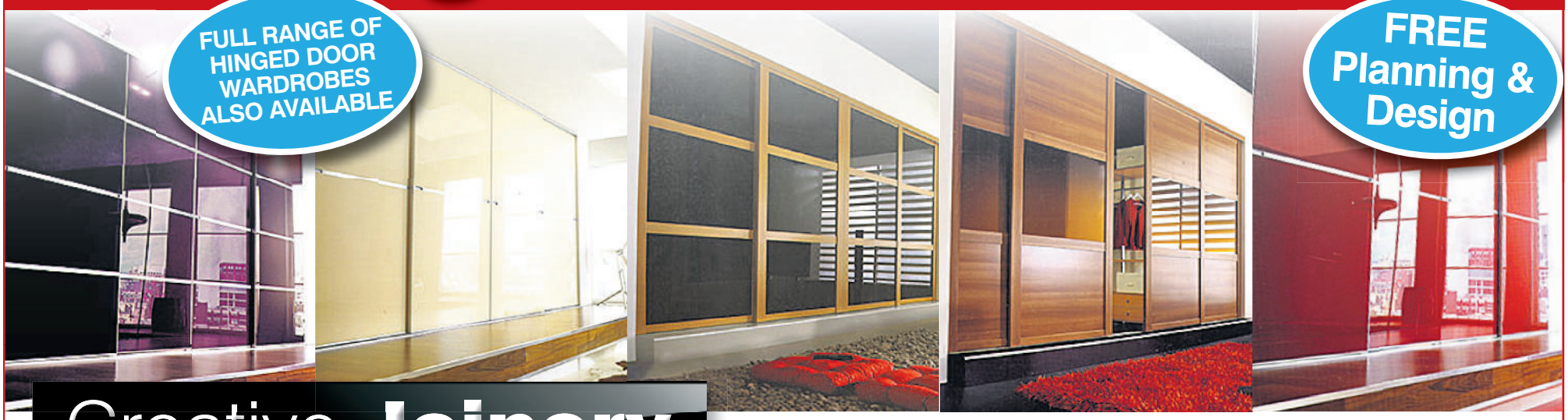

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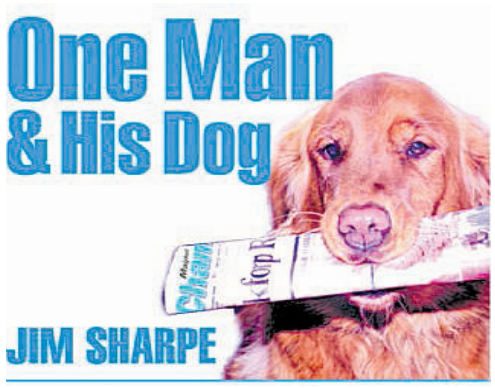

I certainly won't be clamouring for a British Rail reborn

I WAS never a fan of the 'denationalisation' of British Rail in the form which this took.

The myriad of separate Train Operating Companies (TOCs) each fighting to gain or renew franchises every few years but none actually being responsible for the tracks on which they ran, seemed a recipe for confusion to me then, with little scope for company loyalty or pride in the job.

In fact, the railways never were privatised in the sense most of us think of it. The companies that run services do not own the locos and carriages. They belong to rolling stock leasing companies (the only way of doing it in the circumstances). And since the demise of Railtrack some years ago, the present Network Rail effectively is a nationalised company itself.

However, my real argument against the so-called renationalised railway is that it is a sham. Jeremy Corbyn now leads a campaign for which he claims "overwhelming support" for a 'People's Railway'. Apparently a kind of Utopian creation, not for profit in which passengers, workers and government would all take part. Exactly how hasn't been explained.

But wouldn't this be costly to set up? Surely the TOCs would want compensation? Well, no. Jeremy's big idea is simply to take the present franchises into public ownership when the current franchise ends anyway. Simple. Except that by the time Jeremy gets round to it, it is probable that only six franchises would expire before 2025, leaving more than half still in private hands.

Oh, and apparently Jeremy isn't going to touch rail freight, because those who operate them do own their own stock and would require considerable compensation if their businesses were to be snatched by the government.

And what of the present train leasing companies? Well, they too would either have to be paid if their carriages etc. were to be handed over to the New British Rail, or even if the leasing agreements were to be perpetuated.

With all their faults (and I agree it's a fairly long list) the private operating companies seem to have done a very good job - more trains and more passengers than ever before.

In any case, I suspect that many of the campaigners for a nationalised railway weren't even born when the so-called denationalisation took place in 1997. Complaints were rife about cleanliness, timekeeping, inedible sandwiches and fares.

There is no doubt that the current railway offers far more actual services on far more trains than the moribund BR ever did. In its final, post-Beeching, years, BR presided over a 'managed decline'. We weren't pressing for the reopening of Burscough Curves then, we were fighting to keep the trains to Ormskirk running at all!

Oddly, I quite liked the 1980s British Rail. There were still 'proper' trains, with loco and carriages. Restaurant cars remained on those from London to Norwich - I well remember being the only customer taking high tea on a London-bound train.

And best of all, In the job I then had, I was allowed first class travel free within an area roughly bounded by the Norfolk coast, Southend, Cambridge and Oxford - often in genuine compartment coaches, lovely!

But times change and I very much doubt that the same job includes the same privileges these days - certainly I'd be out of luck looking for high tea on any express to or from Norwich, or anywhere else.

So I won't be clamouring for a British Rail reborn. What I personally would like to see happen would be either far longer franchises (so the incumbent operator could realistically plan for the future) or the whole system sold off into just six regions, West Coast, East Coast, Southern, Great Western and Scottish, preferably 'vertically integrated' so they were responsible for, and maintained the tracks as well.

Civic guests drop in on Community Hub

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney were guests at the latest meeting of the Community Monthly Activity Hub held at the Bull & Dog Inn at Burscough.

Launched by staff from the Athena Health Care Group last month, the hub aims to bring together care providers from across the region to share inspirational ideas.

The civic duo joined residents and representatives from care homes from across the area including Parklands Lodge in Southport, Arranmore Park in Burscough, Courtfield Lodge and Stocks Hall in Ormskirk and Stocks Hall in Skelmersdale, to discuss ideas over afternoon tea.

Athena's events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "Cllr. Savage spoke about her experiences visiting care homes and how activity hubs make a difference to the lives of elderly people living in care or independently.

"Thanks go to the staff at the Bull & Dog for their hospitality and I'd like to praise the care homes and their residents for coming along."

Next meeting of the hub will on Wednesday, May 31 from 2 to 4pm at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk.

The mayor with members of the Community Monthly Activity Hub

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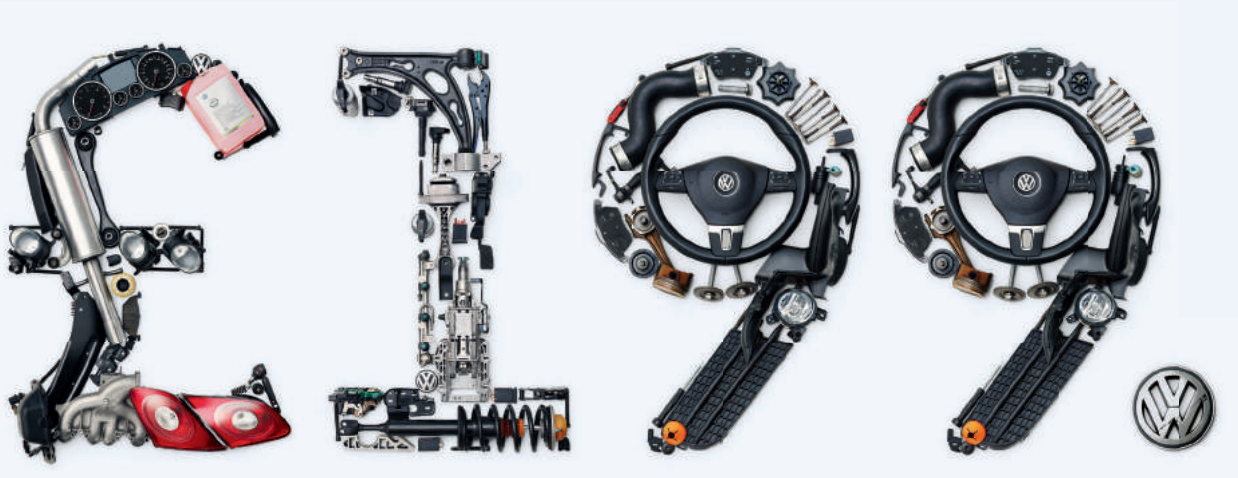

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Care home fair raises £500 towards new water feature

A GRAND Easter Fair held at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk raised £500 to help create a new water feature at a care home.

The free, family-friendly event, organised by staff at the Hillcroft residential care home in Aughton, featured stalls, a bar, raffle, live music and children's activities.

Live entertainment was provided by acoustic musicians, Jay Loines and Matt Swift and local band, The Fossa from Skelmersdale.

Megan Campbell, activities co-ordinator at the Long Lane home, said: "The day went well and I have had really good feedback from the people who attended - which I am absolutely thrilled about.

"The music went down an absolute treat, the talent from these lads gave the event such a great atmosphere.

"Our staff and residents ran stalls including a tombola, cakes, food, jewellery, books and bric-a-brac.

"We also had a brilliant raffle with many fantastic prizes courtesy of kind donations from local businesses such as Proctor and Gamble, Asda, the Sandpiper Inn, AMF Bowling Wigan and the Co-operative in Westgate.

"Local businesses also provided stalls and each donated a prize from their own goods to our raffle.

"The fair raised just over £500 which we are really made up with and plans for the garden feature are now underway!"

Halsall Pharmacy will close at the end of this week

Village pharmacy to close this week

HALSALL Pharmacy is set to cease trading this week, with staff and stock being transferred to Ormskirk Pharmacy.

Paul Middleton, from Ormskirk Healthcare Ltd., which owns both pharmacies, said that the decision has not been taken lightly and is the result of financial pressures including government pharmacy funding cuts, business rates and other costs.

The last day of trading for the Halsall Road shop will be Friday, April 28.

Paul Middleton said: "Currently, more than three quarters of our customers have their medication delivered and for those patients the situation will not change as our driver Kevin delivers for both shops and the same delivery processes and timescales will apply.

"Our staff members Ali and Sue are moving to join Paul, Paige and Reece in the Ormskirk branch, so our customers will have continuity of care.

"We are very proud of our nine years of service caring for the people of Halsall, Scarisbrick and Haskayne and although difficult, this decision will protect the delivery service that these communities rely on and our ongoing commitment to support these patients."

Egg-cellent response to company's Easter appeal for hospice

A WEST Lancs company's appeal for Easter egg donations for a children's charity resulted in a bumper response from residents in the borough.

Staff at Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors in Tarleton, launched the appeal last month on behalf of the Derian House Children's Hospice in Chorley.

And they were staggered by the public's support for the plea with a grand total of 196 eggs being handed in to their offices in Hesketh Lane. These were then delivered to the hospice in time for Easter.

Claire Newland from the company said: "We would like to thank the generosity of the community, local businesses and schools. We have been absolutely astounded by the response."

Staff from Newland and Wilkinson with some of the 196 Easter eggs they collected for Derian House children's hospice

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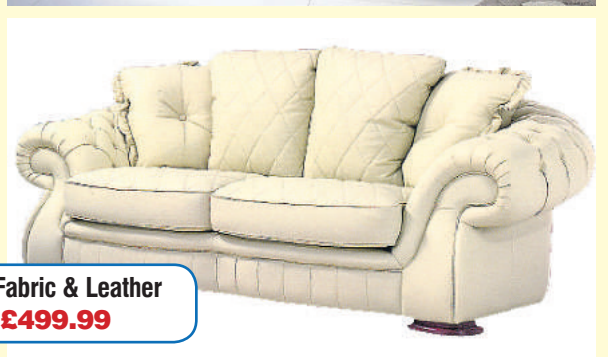
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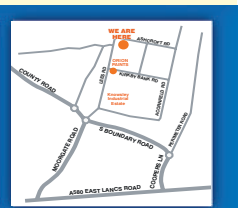

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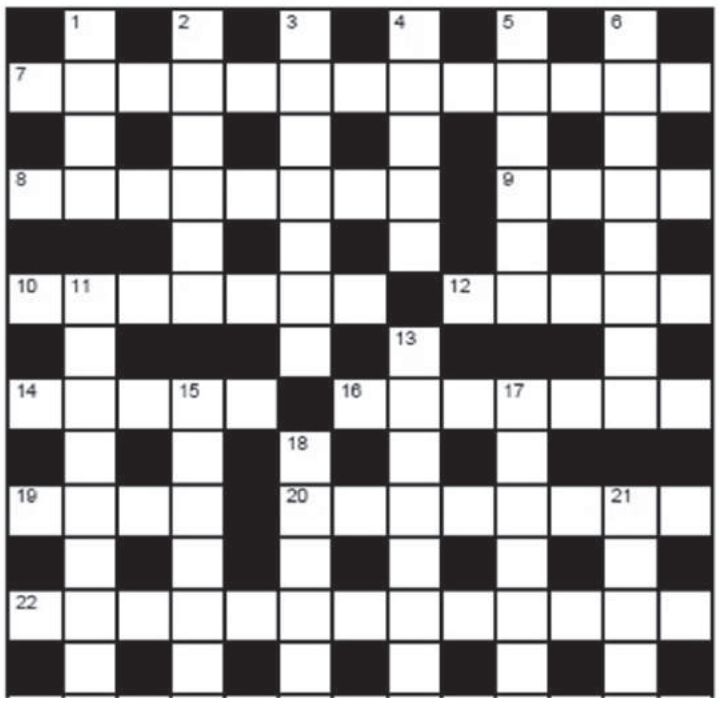

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Chilly. 8 Rioter. 9 Flee. 10 Tattered. 11 Pro-life. 13 Otter. 15 Human. 17 Ribcage. 20 Eventing. 21 Dark. 22 Signal. 23 Neural.

Down: 1 Whaler. 2 Flue. 3 Mystify. 4 Trite. 5 Domestic. 6 Renege. 12 Learning. 14 Singing. 16 Unveil. 18. German. 19 Billy. 21 Drub.

ACROSS

7. An evergreen or artificial tree decorated with lights, tinsel, etc. during the festive season (9, 4)
8. Relating to newborn children (8)
9. Irritates (4)
10. Device that causes something to be removed or to drop out (7)
12. In a state of excited movement (5)
14. Playground structure with a smooth, sloping surface (5)
16. Strip of woven material used to bind up a wound (7)
19. Hindu spiritual teacher (4)
20. Having the right to do or obtain something (8)
22. In a giddy manner (13)

DOWN

1. Clarified butter (4)
2. Meal eaten outdoors (6)
3. Place on a railway line where passengers get on and off trains (7)
4. Waterproof filler and sealant used in building work and repairs (5)
5. Moral code, principles (6)
6. Ineffectual or cowardly person (8)
11. Blind or shutter made of a row of angled slats (8)
13. City where the Pope is based (7)
15. Stream of water containing medicinal or cleansing agents that is applied to a body part (6)
17. Golf club usually taken off the tee (6)
18. Underworld river in Greek mythology (5)
21. Bulbous plant with trumpet-shaped, fragrant, flowers on slender stem (4)

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The blistering classic, The Crucible, brings you 17th century Salem, where truth holds no currency, fear is used as a political tool and where intruding threats are invented to explain current woes.

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In a tight knit community, a group of girls are caught dancing wildly in the woods. Allegations of witchcraft ensue. Lust, superstition and personal grievances collide and the whole village is quickly consumed by an unstoppable flow of fear, paranoia and manipulation - suddenly no-one is safe from their neighbour and the noose. Who will survive? Charlie Condou, best known for playing Marcus Dent on the UK's best-loved soap, Coronation Street, takes on the role of witch-hunter Reverend Hale in the spine-tingling thriller with Victoria Yeates, who is currently appearing in BBC period drama Call The Midwife, as Elizabeth Proctor.

This bold new production of one of the 20th Century's finest plays draws parallels with Trump's America and Post Brexit UK where truth is no longer an absolute and daily reports of race-driven hate crime fill the news. The Crucible is a chilling reminder of the frailty of reason in the face of hysteria.

For your chance to win a pair of tickets to see The Crucible at Manchester Opera house on Monday, May 8 at 7.30pm just tell us;

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Please send your answers to: Arthur Miller competition, Champion Newspapers, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA. The closing date for the competition is 12 noon on Thursday, May 4. Please supply a contact number. Editor's decision is final.

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Saturday 26th

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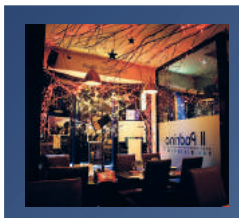

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT David Halsall Sons and Daughter Removals Ltd of 270 Liverpool Road Southport PR8 4PE is applying to change the existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers at W. Baybutt (Burscough) Ltd, Burscough Industrial Estate, Plantation Road, Burscough Lancashire L40 8JT.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of two lengths of footway at Beechtrees at Skelmersdale in the Borough of West Lancashire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development to be carried out should planning permission be granted by West Lancashire Borough Council. The Secretary of State gives notice of the draft Order under Section 253 (1) of the 1990 Act.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF in the 28 days commencing on 26 April 2017, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/2789.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **24 May 2017**. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

D Candlish, Casework Manager

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GORSE LANE, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Gorse Lane, Tarleton from outside a property called New Haven for approximately 20 metres.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 9th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Gorse Lane - Sutton Lane - Blackgate Lane - Southport New Road - Moss Hey Lane - Legh Lane - Gorse Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/6918/WH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0396/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - University library building with details submitted of access, layout, scale, external appearance and landscaping at Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0250/COU Change of use - existing offices (first floor) into student accommodation at Church House, Church Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0284/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling including two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing adjoining steel frame agricultural building. Associated external works at Rothwell House, Lafford Lane, Up Holland.
Application No: 2017/0320/FUL To extend wall of front bay window to end of house wall and thus eliminate the bay. Install new window at 14 Thornton Close, Rufford.
Application No: 2017/0322/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension to replace conservatory at 10 Alma Hill, Up Holland.
Application No: 2017/0357/FUL Single storey rear extension to existing shop premises including erection of flue/extractor to the rear at 23 Church Street, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 26th April 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT946

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCHOOL LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of School Lane, Burscough from 20 metres either side of the Railway Bridge.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Sunday 7th May 2017 until 1630 hours on Sunday 7th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- School Lane - Carr Lane - Ring O Bells Lane - A5209 Briars Lane - Square Lane - Liverpool Road South - Liverpool Road North - School Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Bridge maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7368/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RALPH'S WIFES LANE, BANKS. WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Ralph's Wifes Lane, Banks from Banks Road to Church Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 8th May 2017 until Saturday 3rd June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Banks Road - (into Sefton) - A565 Water Lane (from Sefton) - Southport New Road - Guinea Hall Lane - Hoole Lane - Church Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7365/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, Lathom from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 29th April 2017 until 0800 hours on Sunday 30th April 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Bleak Lane - Wood Lane - Wanes Blades Road - Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing replacement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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Chris and all the family would like to thank you for all the Masses, Cards, Flowers, Prayers and Donations received for Woodlands Hospice for Marj and particularly for your presence at her Requiem. They have been overwhelmed by your kindness and support.

HOUGHTON TOMMY
The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who attended the funeral, thank you to Carol Edwards for her kind and thoughtful service and a special thanks to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors

SHEPHERD EDWARD JAMES
Linda and family would like to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations received during the recent sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Special thanks to the Doctors and Nursing staff at Southport Hospital and Royal Liverpool University Hospital for all their kindness and care. Grateful thanks to Carol Edwards for a lovely Funeral Service, and Sally Hunter and Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors, for all their help, guidance and dignified Funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

ALTY ROBERT WILLIAM
23rd April 2017
Peacefully in hospital, aged 83 years of Newburgh
The dearly loved Husband of the late Margaret and a loving Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for MacMillan Cancer Support or The Firemans Benevolent Fund. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 722122/720012

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SHEPHERD EDWARD JAMES
10/04/2017
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SHEPHERD EDWARD JAMES
(Eddie)
10th April 2017
Peacefully after many trials and tribulations. Much loved Brother to John and Allan,Uncle to many Nephews and Nieces,friend to many.
As the sun sets in the West you journeyed to be with Mum and Dad

THORNE MARJORIE (Nee Bethell)
12th April 2017
After a short illness peacefully in Stocks Hall Nursing Home Burscough aged 95 years.
Much loved Wife of Gordon. Marjorie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and all who knew her.
The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 11:30am. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the RNLI. All enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770.

Announcements

DEATHS

McCLUSKEY PATRICK JOSEPH

Passed away 12th April 2017 aged 67 years of Parbold

Funeral Service and Interment at Our Lady and Saints Church Parbold, on Friday 28th April 2017 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queencourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

WILLIAMS JOAN

15th April 2016

Passed away peacefully in Highway Rest Home Formerly of Maghull

Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Maghull, on Thursday 4th May at 10:20am, followed by Committal at Thornton Crematorium. For further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888

TINSLEY MARILYN

Passed away peacefully on 22nd April 2017 aged 64 years of Mere Brow

Dearly loved Wife of Eddie, Much loved Mum of Hayden and Faith, loving Grandma of Eddie and Leyla. Funeral Service at St. Stephens Church, Banks on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 10.15am, followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received in memory of Marilyn for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and futher enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

TOOTLE RONALD (RON)

14th April 2017 Peacefully in hospital, aged 92 years

Loving Husband of the late Marjorie, devoted Dad of Rosina and Shirley, cherished Grandad of Andrea, Matthew, Sarah and Emma, Great Grandad of Lewis and Jamie and a dear Brother of Jean and Brian, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service and interment will take place at St James Parish Church Westhead on Thursday 27th April at 11.00am, family flowers only please by request donations if desired for St James Church or The International Glaucoma Association. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/32 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

HOLROYD NORMA

14th April 2017

Suddenly aged 50 years

Loving Wife of Martin, devoted Mum of Jenny and Ben, dear Mother-in-law of Rob and Holly, cherished Nan of Elle, Lexi, Leo and Evie and a much loved Daughter-in-law and Sister, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 28th April at 1.45pm, family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for M.I.N.D. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/32 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

MANN THOMAS GEOFFERY

16th April 2017 Aged 73 years Suddenly after a long illness

Bravely born Geoff passed away to the great loss of his loving family and friends. Funeral Service and Cremation at Thornton Garden of Rest on Wednesday May 3rd 2017 at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired in memory of Geoff to the NSPCC, British Red Cross or Oxfam C/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805 to whom all enquiries should be made.

DEATHS

AGER SANDRA

In loving memory of a good old friend, Good Night and God Bless Sandra. Harry, Marie and family

AGER SANDRA

20th April peacefully in Hospital

Dear Sister in Law and best friend to Mary and Aunty to Samantha.

And while she lies in peaceful sleep memories we shall always keep

Broken hearted Sister in Law Mary

RIP

AGER SANDRA

20th April 2017 Peacefully in hospital, aged 74 years

Loving Wife of the late Eddie, devoted Mum of Julie, Stephen, Ian, Paul, Edward and Kerry. Dear Mother-in-law of Colin, Donna, Mandy, Stacey and Emma. Cherished Nan of all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 28th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Wigan Hospital. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/32 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

JOHNSON ADA

17th April 2017 Peacefully in hospital, aged 83 years

Loving Wife of Bob, devoted Mum of Robert and Maureen, dear Mother-in-law of Sandra and Stephen, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Pauls Church on Wednesday 26th April at 2.30pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

DEATHS

DORRIAN AMY

16th April 2017 Aged 99

A beautiful Lady. Thank you Mum for your kindness, high standards and strong values you and my Dad gave us. Love always Ann & family. To my dear Sister Pat, my personal and sincere thanks for your constant and devoted care of our Mum.

BULL ANGELA

Passed away 18th April 2017

I am sending a dove to Heaven, with a parcel on it's wings, Careful when you open it, it's full of lovely things. Inside a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs, to say how much I miss you, I am sending all my love. R.I.P Sis. Broken hearted. Babs & John. X

BULL ANGELA

Passed away 18th April 2017

Your presence we miss, your memory we will treasure. Love you always, forgetting you never. Love from Lisa, Claire and family. xx

BULL ANGELA (NEE POOLE)

Suddenly with her family at her side on 18th April 2017 Aged 60 years

Much loved Wife to Peter. Devoted Mum to Siobhan. Angela will be greatly missed by all her loving family and many friends. Especially her faithful companion Cody. Goodnight God Bless xxx A Requiem Mass will be offered at St Teresa's Church, Upholland on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 10.30am followed by burial in St Thomas Churchyard at 11.30am. All enquiries to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel (01695) 622099 www.rbanksandson.co.uk

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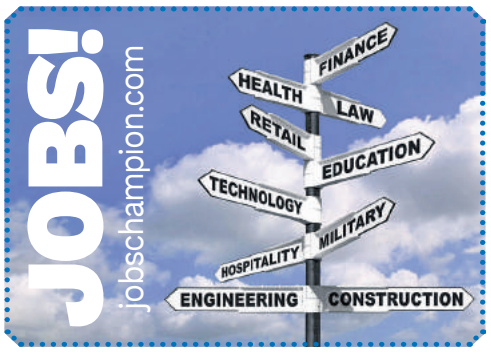

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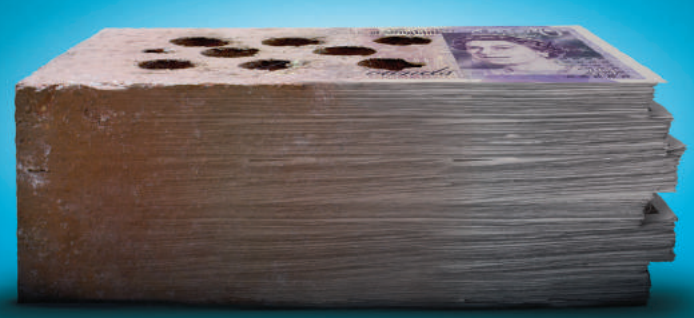

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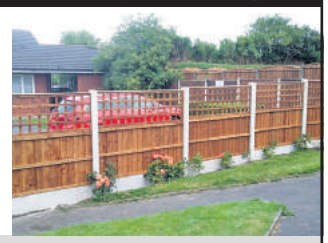
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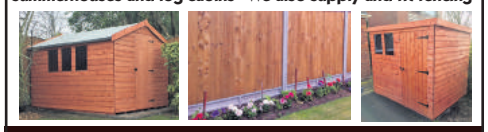
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Yet he and just about every other motorist over the age of 70 might be forced to, if a petition that's already gained more than 250,000 signatures is submitted to Westminster and taken seriously.

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The circumstances that prompted it were truly tragic – an 85-year-old pensioner out for a drive in his classic Mercedes-Benz SL momentarily got confused, hit the wrong pedal, and ended up killing a pedestrian. The petition it prompted is calling for all motorists over the age of 70 to be given mandatory retests every three years, to prevent similar incidents ever happening again.

I've been following the issue with interest ever since this truly horrific incident happened back in 2012. I've every sympathy for Ben Brooks-Button, the widower of the woman killed and the man who nobly started this petition – but I'm not sure mandatory retests are the answer. Statistically speaking if the suits at Whitehall are going to retest anyone it's the generation I was part of not all that long ago – the 18-24s, with their Calvin Harris MP3s booming out of their mum's borrowed Corsas.

Nearly a quarter of them have a crash within two years of passing the driving test. So should *they* also be made to redo the test every three years?

Of course not, and with the possible exception of anyone who works in sales and has an Audi A3 or A4 nor should anyone else. We should be offering courses that don't cost a fortune, and a campaign that encourages people to think of driving as a skill to be honed and perfected, like tennis or playing a piano. We're never going to get rid of all the incidents on Britain's roads (and that includes ones caused by autonomous cars!) but we can bring them down by encouraging people to sharpen up their skills.

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Reg	Model	Was	Now	Save
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61	Volvo S60 1.6 Diesel Se 4 Door,Leather,Sat Nav,58000 Miles,Alloys, In Black.	£9695	£8977	£718
60	Audi A1 Tdi Sport 3 Door, 19000 Miles,Fsh,Upgraded Alloys,A Stunner, In Red.	£9995	£9495	£500
61	Vw Scirocco 2.0 Tdi Gt Bluemotion, Fsh,Rear Privacy,Stunning Car, In White.	£10995	£9990	£1005
62	Bmw 116 Diesel 5 Door,64000 Miles,Fsh,New 18" Alloys,Privacy Glass, In White.	£11995	£10990	£1005
13	Mecedes B180 Cdi Sport,Leather,Alloys,Privacy Glass,57000 Miles , In Black.	£12495	£11977	£518
12	Nissan Qashqai Dci 7 Seater, 1 Owner,38000 Miles,Fsh,Panoramic Roof, In White.	£12995	£11980	£1015
61	Kia Sportage 2.0 Crdi Kx2, ½ Leather,Alloys,Pan Roof,56000 Miles, In White.	£12995	£10990	£2005
13	Audi A4 2.0 Tdi Se Technick 4 Door,1 Owner,Fsh,Leather,Sat Nav, In Silver.	£12995	£11977	£1018
12	Mercedes B200 Cdti Sport Automatic, Leather,Alloys,43000 Miles, In Blue.	£13495	£12977	£518
15	Mini Countryman Diesel Automatic 5 Door, 1 Owner,6000 Miles,Alloys, In White.	£15995	£14490	£1505
12	Volvo Xc60 2.4 Diesel R Design Auto, Leather,Sat Nav,32000 Miles,Fsh, In White.	£21995	£18990	£3005
10	Range Rover 3.0 Td Hse Auto,Leather,Sat Nav,Alloys,Side Steps, In Black.	£22995	£22970	£2025
13	Audi A8 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport Executive Auto, Fully Loaded,Fsh, In Grey.	£24995	£21990	£3005

Reg	Model	Cash Price	Per Week
09	Vauxhall Zafira 1.9 Cdti Automatic,7 Seater,Air Con ,Cd Player , In Grey.	£4995	£19.21
61	Vw Golf 1.6 Tdi Bluemotion 5 Door,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Silver.	£6995	£28.83
59	Nissan Qashqai Dci, 50000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£6995	£28.83
09	Ford Kuga 2.0 Tdci Zetec, 59000 Miles,Upgraded Alloys,Privacy Glass, In Black.	£7995	£33.63
13	Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 Cdti Tech Kine 5 Door, Alloys,Air Con, Cdp Layer, In Black.	£7995	£33.63
63	Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 Cdti Sri Estate, 1 Owner,Fsh,Alloys,Air Con, In Black.	£8495	£36.04
11	Nissan Qashqai 1.5 Dci, 62000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£8695	£36.52
63	Honda Civic 1.6 Cdti Tech Se 5 Door, 1 Owner,44000 Miles,Fsh,Alloys, In Grey.	£8995	£38.44
12	Bmw 318 Ddiesel Estate, 1 Owner,Fsh,Alloys,Air Con, In Black.	£9495	£40.85
63	Ford Grand C Max Tdci Zetec, 7 Seater, 1 Owner,56000 Miles,Fsh, In Silver.	£9995	£43.25
62	Vauxhall Antara 2.2 Cdti Exclusive,29000 Miles,1/2 Leather,Alloys, In Black.	£9995	£43.25
11	Bmw 320 D M Sport Auto, 4 Doore,Leather,Msport Alloys, Fsh, In Blue.	£10495	£45.65
63	Vauxhall Zafira 2.0 Cdti Sri, 7 Seater, 1 Owner,55000 Miles,Fsh,Alloys, In Black.	£10495	£45.65
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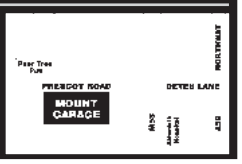

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Goalkeeping bungle caps off miserable season for Linnets

Burscough 0
Ramsbottom United 2

BURSCOUGH dropped out of the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League after 17 years with a hard fought but ultimately scrappy home defeat.

It had been a fairly even first-half but with few chances as good football was difficult on a dry bumpy surface at Victoria Park.

However, five minutes in the second period Ramsbottom took the lead. Left-back Tom Murphy was put away down the left and his cross to the near-post was helped on by former Skelmersdale striker Max Hazeldine, presenting fellow striker Ryan Salmon with a simple tap-in close in.

Both teams toiled for goals but both defences held out well until six minutes from the end when an error gave the experienced Salmon his second goal of the afternoon.

Burscough took a throw-in on the right, level with their own penalty area and the ball was thrown to goalkeeper Ben Morrow.

Not being able to handle the ball he went to kick it and it took a terrible bounce on the dreadful surface. Salmon charged the ball down and bungled it over the line to make it 2-0.

It probably said a lot about the way Burscough's season has gone.

Next season Burscough will play in the North-West Counties League for the first time in 17 years.

Skem go down with pride intact

Skelmersdale United 1
Stafford Rangers 1

SKELMERSDALE picked up a point in their last game of the season before relegation from the Evo-Stik Premier Division, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Stafford Howarth goes close with a header. Picture by John Driscoll.

Although they have been down for a while, they have at least left the division with a bit of pride.

Their last five games of the season have generated five points and Saturday's draw probably reflected that relative run of form from Alan Rogers' team.

Skelmersdale opened the scoring in the sixth minute.

A Watts cross made its way to the far side of the penalty area, Burey managed to get his foot over the ball and, via a defender's back, it looped into the far corner of the goal.

Skelmersdale were the better side in the first half but Stafford came out for the second-half committing more to attack and soon Hilton made a great reaction save from a close range Brian Barton header.

On 53 minutes Howarth got onto a Callum Grogan cross but shot wide of the target, then after a smashing pull back from Irwin.

Stafford levelled on 77 minutes when Perry put the ball behind the home defence via an overhead kick and substitute Levi Reid ran onto it and slotted past an advancing Hilton.

Six minutes from the end seventeen year old Hilton made a superb double save. Perry smashed a powerful header that Hilton blocked and was then thwarted as Hilton sharply pounced on the rebound.

Richmond clinch Lancashire Amateur Shield

Burscough Richmond 1
Blackpool Wren Rovers 1
(Richmond win 5-4 on penalties)

BURSCOUGH Richmond clinched the Lancashire Amateur Shield after a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

The West Lancashire Division One side were crowned cup champions despite facing a strong side who are an entire division above them.

Richmond keeper Ben Barnes produced a man of the match display to make sure the underdogs emerged as unlikely winners.

After keeping out Blackpool Wren Rovers, Richmond's defence finally conceded after the break when a Danny Morris shot took a deflection and beat Barnes.

Richmond equilised on 70 minutes from the penalty spot, with Nathan Martland stepping up to slot home.

It went straight to penalties, with Richmond scoring all five, with Barnes saving a crucial penalty from Wrens to secure the trophy.

Kerrigan and Caunce share seven wickets to set up win

THE 2017 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition got underway last Saturday, with runs galore for several batsmen, whilst plenty of others will need to spend a little more time in the nets in order to shake off their winter rustiness, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Ormskirk beat Formby by 8 wickets at the Cricket Path after the hosts were dismissed for 95, with New Zealander Daniel Stanley (56) scoring the bulk of the runs as the rest of the batsmen succumbed to some fine bowling from Nick Caunce 4-28 and Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan 3-16.

In reply, an unbeaten 35 from Lancashire's Josh Bohannon and 45 from Andy Baybutt saw the visitors to victory on 97-2.

In their Premier Division debut match Ainsdale suffered a 58 run home defeat at the hands of Colwyn Bay.

The visitors racked up 308-3 dec in just 38.2 overs, with Sri Lankan Rumesh Buddhika (100* inc 6x4 & 8x6) and Jordan Evans (123 inc 22x4 &2x6) both smashing centuries. In reply, Ainsdale's new overseas signing Faiz Fazal also hit a century (105) but the hosts were dismissed for 250 with Ryan Holtby taking 4-54 and Paul Jenkins 3-70.

Southport & Birkdale were beaten by 81 runs at home against Rainhill.

They dismissed the visitors for 122 with Sam Kershaw (44) top scoring, as skipper Chris Firth 3-8 and Andy Warhurst 3-49 took the bowling honours.

Bu then, S&B were blown over for just 41 with Aussie Tearan Gleeson (20) scoring almost half of them as the rest had no answer to Indian spinner Akshay Darekar 5-16 and Ryan Williams 5-24.

Bootle came away from Wallasey with a convincing 92 run victory. The visitors made 168 with Jackson Knight (50), Will Purser (43) and skipper Craig Prince (28) in good touch, whilst Chris Bourne 4-38 and Matthew Keogh 3-48 shone with the ball. In reply, the wickets were shared around as Purser's 3-13 helped bowl the hosts out for just 76 to secure victory.

Northern secured an opening day 91 run victory at Lytham, with Liam Grey (56) and Chris Laker (52) both hitting half centuries as the visitors declared on 220-7 with Josh Holden taken 3-41. In reply, the wickets were shared about with Lancashire's Tom Bailey taking 3-8 as the hosts were dismissed for 129.

Burscough batsmen fall well short after chasing Highfield total of 174

IN the First Division Burscough were beaten at home by 68 runs against Highfield.

James Taylor (43) top scored in the visitors' total of 174, with Chris Andrews 4-21 and Ben Van Niekerk 3-53 doing the damage with the ball. In reply 4-37 from Rob Halliwell, 3-9 from Tom Ashton and 3-17 from James Taylor helped dismiss the hosts for 106.

Hightown St Mary's were beaten by 9 wickets at Newton le Willows as Dom Chambers 5-32 and Muhammad Iqbal 3-13 helped dismantle the visitors for just 63, before Matt Parkinson (30*) and Chris Chambers (32) led the hosts to victory on 66-1.

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity's Hayden McCrae blasted an incredible unbeaten double century on debut (203), Tony Campbell hit 59 and Wim van der Walt 46* as Trinity declared on 318-1 against Maghull at the Rookery.

However, McCrae's heroics weren't quite enough for a Trinity victory, as Greg Gillespie (76*) and 19 year old Lancashire women squad member Laura Jackson (8*) batted out almost 17 overs to secure a draw for Maghull who finished on 252-

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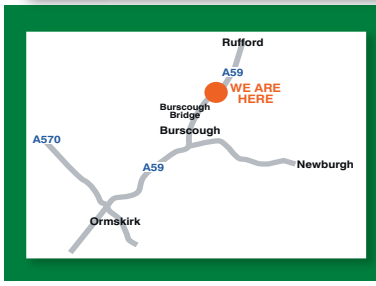

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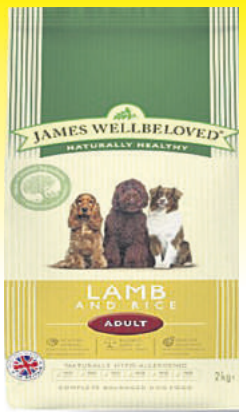

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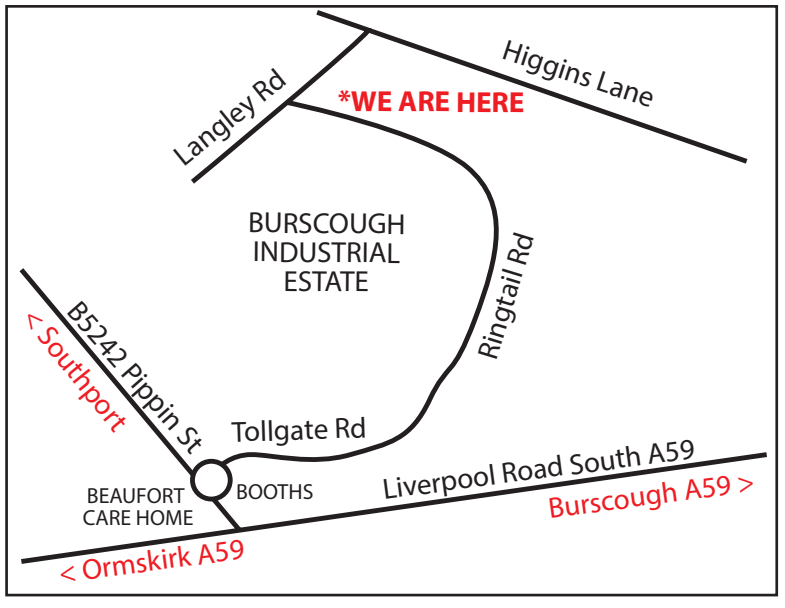

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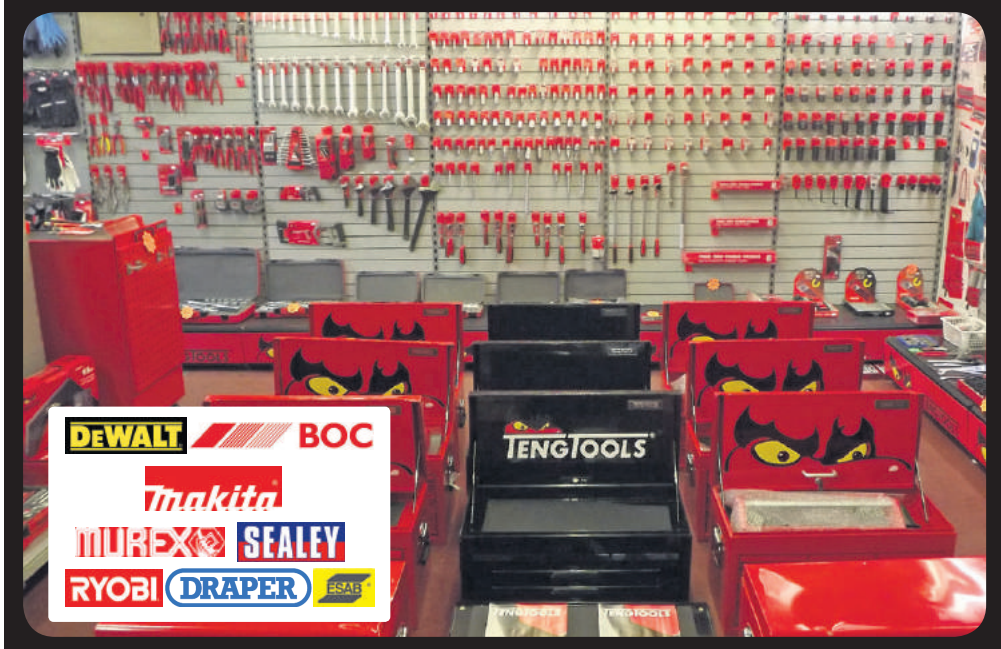

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